

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 979

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ms. Emily Yarberry,
2002 Valedictorian of Union County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Emily Yarberry is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Union County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Emily Yarberry has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Emily Yarberry has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yarberry has been quite active in extracurricular activities and community organizations throughout her matriculation. She is a four-year member of both the Basketball and Softball teams, a three-year member of the Beta Club and Science Club, and an

active member of the F.C.A., the Pep Club, and the Yearbook staff. She has also been active in the Foreign Language Club, F.H.A., F.F.A., and the Junior Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, a true Tennessee Volunteer, Emily is an active member of her community, participating in Benefit Singings, the Angel Tree, Food Drives, making and distributing Valentines for the Children's Hospital, the Baskets for the Elderly program, Tutoring, and in various community activities sponsored by her Church; and

WHEREAS, honored for her academic achievements and athleticism, Ms. Yarberry has been included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the National Honor Roll, and has been named an All-American Scholar; she received the National English Merit Award, the National Math Merit Award, and the National Leadership Merit Award. She has also been named All-District and All-Tournament in basketball and made All-District in softball; and

WHEREAS, Emily has also had the honor of having a poem published by Creative Communications, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Emily Yarberry's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to attend the University of Tennessee and major in Accounting, with the goal of receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and to ultimately work as a C.P.A. for a successful company; and

WHEREAS, Emily Yarberry's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Emily Yarberry's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Union County High School Valedictorian, Ms. Emily Yarberry, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.